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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56 and 1.97 to 1.99, the following information is provided to to assist the Patent & Trademark Office in its examination of this application.

Applicants are aware of axial flow pressure swing adsorption systems having at least one hermetically sealed vessel containing an adsorbent bed with a single inlet coupled to an inlet header and a single outlet coupled to an outlet header; and wherein the combined volume of the inlet header and outlet header is approximately 8% of the volume of the adsorbent bed of the vessel.

These systems were available to the public more than one year prior to the filing date of the subject patent application.

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